

**MINUTES  
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT CITY HALL  
JUNE 1, 2010  
4:30 P.M.**

**ROLLCALL** Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Housh, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Staff present included: Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; Cary Teague, City Planner; Roger Knutson, City Attorney; Kris Aaker, Assistant City Planner; and Debra Mangan, City Clerk. Planning Commission Members present: Stephen Brown, Jeff Carpenter, Arlene Forrest, Julie Risser, Mike Schroeder, Kevin Staunton and Michael Fischer, Chair. Planning Commission Members absent: Floyd Grabel, Nancy Scherer and Karwhen. Kata.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to allow the Planning Commission to inform the Council on their work updating the City's zoning ordinance.

Chair Fischer explained the process followed during the Planning Commission's meetings. He stated that members of the public were allowed to have input into the discussion of the Commission at their monthly work sessions on the updates to the zoning code. Mr. Fischer reported each topic the Planning Commission has reviewed or will review. The topics include: building heights, which would be necessary to align the code with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Under the Development Review process the topics included: sketch plan review, role of the Transportation Commission in the development process, role of the Energy & Environment Commission in project reviews, role of Heritage Preservation Board in project reviews, public input and public hearings, small area planning and the list of conditions required by the City. The area of content changes included: possible development of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) code, sustainable design, driveway width, tree preservation lighting/noise, landscape requirements, impervious surfaces, wetland setbacks, parking regulations/proof of parking, pedestrian connectivity conditional use permit standards, sign plan/sign ordinance, front street setbacks, text amendments, maximum/minimum size for apartments, group homes, non-conforming uses, 60-120 day rule, outdoor fireplaces, side-yard setbacks/attached garage setbacks, single-stall garages, home placement regulations, wind turbines, drive-through windows, and subdivision rules.

Chair Fischer said the Commission was conceptually formulating the ideas which be brought to the City Council, plus public input will be sought, and then the necessary amendments will be drafted.

The Council and Commission discussed several of the topics under review. Of special interest was the possible development of a Planned Unit Develop or PUD code. Council asked to be informed of the date and time of this discussion. Other topics discussed included sketch plan review, necessity/desirability of recodifying entire code, potential for hiring consultant to recodify, balance between protecting existing home and business owners while still encouraging development, need for Planning Commission by-laws, transparency and role of the Planning Commission, roles of the Transportation Commission, Energy & Environment Commission, Heritage Preservation Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals, building heights and areas for next engaging in the community-based planning process.

There being no further business on the Council Agenda, Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangan, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, June 15, 2010.

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James B. Hovland, Mayor